

# Shin-gi-tai Karate Club

Newsletter 25 (March 2006)



## Welcome..

The clubs remain busy with a good number of new students joining in the past month (net increase of 9). We are seeing some students developing very good skills in their karate and look forward to helping them through to their dan grades. We have eventually set a date for the club competition (11/06) and look forward to good support from our members.

## Lesson Fees:

The lesson and membership fees are currently under review as they have been fixed for the past 3 years despite increases in our direct costs. The latest being an 11% increase in West Malling hall rental. The topic will be discussed on the club's internet discussion group and all members will be notified of the changes in due course.

## Discussion Group:

21 students have joined the discussion group, everyone is welcome. Anyone wishing to join, please e-mail us for the electronic invitation.

## Club numbers are currently;

Adults	34
Juniors	124
Visitors	45

**Total**      **213**

## Club Closures:

During April the following club nights will be closed.

Grove Green – 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Loose            - 11<sup>th</sup>

## Larkfield Club:

Our new club in Larkfield has

## March Birthdays:

Vesile Arslan, Leybourne  
Josh Bates, Leybourne  
Simon Buck, West Malling  
Liam Chan, Larkfield  
Joe Drake, Loose  
Ian Gardiner, Grove Green  
Jonathan Goff, West Malling  
Zara Hattley, Vinters Park  
Emma Hughes, Grove Green  
Kai Mason, West Malling  
Sam Moore, Grove Green  
Lauren Owen, Larkfield  
Liam Rice-Wilson, Loose  
Shona Sawhney, Grove Green  
Steve Smith, Grove Green  
Ruth Smith-Burr, Larkfield

## Events:

**Shoshinkan – 01/04/06**  
Sensei Jim Neeter (fellow ISKK member) has invited us to experience his old style Shorin style karate in a 3 hour workshop. 5 of the adult members are planning to attend.

## MBC fun event - 05/04/06

Bower Grove School, MBC event for all kids. We are conducting two hours of karate fun based lesson.

## Easter Camp - 12/04/06

Starts at 10am in Grove Green. Joint venture with MBC to give juniors a chance to try out karate. Fun based event, all welcome, £4.50 each. Please book through the club.

## Club grading – 30/04/06

West Malling starting at 10:30 for juniors and 12:30 for adults

## Club Competition – 11/06/06

Details of events will be issued shortly.

## New Club Members:

### West Malling:

Simon Buck, 9kyu  
Vicki Bartholomew, 3kyu  
James Harper, 10 kyu

### Vinters Park:

Alex Humphrey, 10 kyu  
Constance Humphrey, 10kyu

### Grove Green:

Louise Marshall, 10 kyu  
Robert Drake, 10 kyu  
Lucy Pucknell, 10 kyu  
Hannah Turner, 10 kyu  
Mariam Ali, 4kyu  
Aysha Ali, 4kyu  
Norman Ali, 1dan

### Loose:

none

### Leybourne:

Jack Longhurst, 10kyu

### Larkfield:

Adam Wheat, 4kyu  
Isabel Goodair, 6kyu  
Zoe Moylar, 5kyu  
Jack Moyler, 5kyu  
Chloe Crawford, 5kyu  
Kane Bye, 5kyu  
Thomas Morgan, 6kyu  
Matthew Craig, 6kyu  
Bailey Wilkinson, 6kyu

## Sempai

We have appointed the following students to the position of Sempai (senior student).

### Grove Green:

James Doherty

### Leybourne:

Chloe Marchant

### Vinters Park:

Robert Powdrill

### Loose:

Dan Cleaver

## Club Officials:

### Chief Instructor:

Malcolm Bates

### Youth & Sports :

Stephen Bates

### Child Protection Officer:

Judy Bates

### Grading Committee:

Malcolm Bates,

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already registered 16 club members and some will be invited to undergo assessment at our next grading examination in order to assess their conversion to our system. Support has been good at this club and we thank students, parents and sensei Terry for their efforts.

## St Johns CEP School - July

There has been no further contact regarding our involvement in this event..

Stephen Bates,  
Peter Foster,  
Steven Smith,  
Terry Bartholomew,  
David Abrehart

## Our Clubs:

### Grove Green – Community Centre:

Monday at 6:30 to 7:30pm (juniors 10 to 7kyu)  
Monday at 7pm to 8pm (juniors 6 kyu to Dan)  
Monday at 8:15 to 9:15pm (adults - Kenjutsu)  
Tuesdays at 8pm to 9pm. (adults)  
Friday at 6:30 to 7:30pm (juniors 10 to 7kyu)  
Friday at 7pm to 8pm (juniors 6 kyu to Dan)  
Friday at 8:00 to 9:00pm (adults)

### Larkfield – Brookfield Infants School

Saturday at 1:00pm to 1:30pm. (juniors/adults).

### Loose – Zeroth Active Zone:

Tuesday at 5:30 to 6:30pm. (juniors).

### Levbourne – Village Hall:

Thursday at 4:30pm to 5:30pm (juniors 10kyu to 9kyu).  
Thursday at 5:30pm to 6:30pm (juniors 8kyu+).

### Vinters Park – Community Centre:

Wednesday at 4:15 to 5:15pm. (juniors)

### West Malling – Village Hall:

Thursday at 7:00 to 8:00pm. (juniors)  
Wednesday 8:00 to 9:00pm (adults)  
Thursday at 8:00 to 9:00pm. (adults)

## Club Contact Details:

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## Policy Changes:

After some discussion we have decided to lower our start age for children to 5 years. We will continue to notify parents where we feel that the student cannot cope.

The juniors grading syllabus has been updated, so please review it in the club book or online at our website.

We have found a supplier of softer belts that may better suite junior students and these will be trialled over the next few gradings.

As part of our ongoing search for good sources of information and guidance, we have joined the ISKK which is the International Seito Karate Kenkyukai. The group has been set up to pull together students of karate from around the world who are interested in orthodox (old style) karate and are prepared to share their research.

So far there are several interesting documents published on their website (members section). If you would like to know more about it go to

[www.seitokarate.com](http://www.seitokarate.com)